



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE UMPQUA VALLEY

CLUB CONNECTION

NOTE FROM OUR CEO

Getting to know many of you has been a true pleasure. As we look forward, collaborating to position all the kids in Douglas County for their best possible childhood and teen experience will be among the most important and rewarding experiences we will share. The Club, powered by its board of directors, collaborative partners, and our community, is intent on growing its capacity for youth development and Great Futures. Investing in safe, effective, and productive experiences for kids yields unparalleled benefits for the kids themselves and for the communities that do so. We at the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley are privileged to serve and grateful to be working with you.



Effectively bringing together intention, time, and resources in the best interest of kids, teens, and the community is an incredibly challenging feat. Our communities' educators do it. Please thank them whenever the opportunity arises. At the Club, over the years, a culture of safety, innovation, and excellence has developed and is continuously striving to improve. This has occurred because of our Director of Operations, Kendra Wilson, and the dedicated staff she leads and develops. In March, Kendra will mark her 20th year as a dedicated team member of the Club. Kendra's innovative orchestration of the resources available continues to positively change the lives of our youth and their guardians in countless ways. When we think about the absolute best things in the world, Kendra is on that list.

Sara Healas Anderson, Resource Development Coordinator, introduced and has led the initiative to re-launch and gather content for a newsletter service, (thank you Sara). Melodie Branham, our Marketing & Special Events Director, is creatively formatting the content (thank you Melodie). We welcome your feedback.

Best regards, Troy

[We want to hear from you, tell us what you think below!](#)

VALENTINES FOR VETS



On February 12th, we teamed up with Altrusa to make Valentine's Day cards for our local veterans. Throughout the afternoon, we had lots of enthusiastic kids create beautiful and thoughtful cards. One of our younger Club members, Blakeley, made a Valentine's Day airplane card that was complete with heart windows. She felt that there would be some veterans who flew airplanes that might love her card. Another Club member, Hannah, made a card that had a little heart book inside that said, "Thank You For Your Service". In return for their hard work, the kids received a free book if they created at least three cards.

IMPORTANT DATES

2/8 – 3/2 – ROSS DRESS FOR LESS "HELP LOCAL KIDS THRIVE" IN-STORE FUNDRAISER!

3/8 – TRY LACROSSE DAY AT ROSEBURG HIGH SCHOOL AT 10:00AM.

3/15 – THUNDERING WATER SHAMROCK QUEST ([CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#))

3/21 – CLUB OPEN 12:00 – 6:30PM

3/24 – 3/28 – EXTENDED HOURS PROGRAMS – PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, GIVE US A CALL TODAY!

4/3 & 4/4 – CLUB OPEN 12:00 – 6:30PM

4/12 – UMPQUA UNCORKED & ON TAP

Save the Date!

Umpqua Uncorked & On Tap

Saturday
April 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM

The Lang Center
1140 Umpqua College Rd.
Roseburg, OR 97470



LACROSSE 2025

LACROSSE REGISTRATION IS OPEN! IT CLOSES ON MARCH 12TH, SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER COACHES FOR LACROSSE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO ALLI SMITH AT [ASMITH@BGCUV.ORG](mailto:asmith@bgcuuv.org) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. MORE INFORMATION IS ON OUR [WEBSITE](#) OR GIVE US A **CALL AT 541-440-9505**.

IS YOUR CHILD UNSURE IF LACROSSE IS THE RIGHT FIT FOR THEM? WE HAVE TRY LACROSSE DAY ON MARCH 8TH! WE WILL PROVIDE HELMETS, GLOVES, STICKS, AND BALLS FOR YOUR CHILD TO TRY OUT LACROSSE – ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS SHOW UP.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT AND WILL BE HELD AT ROSEBURG HIGH SCHOOL BETWEEN 10:00AM – 12:00PM. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MEET SEAN, ONE OF OUR DEDICATED GYM STAFF MEMBERS AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE UMPQUA VALLEY. SEAN'S JOURNEY WITH US BEGAN AS A CLUB KID FROM SEPTEMBER 2009 TO JUNE 2016. AFTER SPENDING MANY MEMORABLE YEARS HERE, HE RETURNED IN 2024 TO JOIN OUR TEAM AS A GYM STAFF MEMBER. SEAN HAS COUNTLESS FOND MEMORIES FROM HIS TIME AS A CLUB KID, BUT ONE THAT STANDS OUT IS PLAYING THE BASKETBALL GAME "KNOCK OUT" WITH DAVE, A PREVIOUS GYM LEAD. THE THRILL OF COMPETING FOR A DILLY BAR PRIZE MADE THOSE GAMES UNFORGETTABLE. HE FONDLY REMEMBERS DAVE BRINGING IN A COOLER FULL OF DILLY BARS TO GIVE AWAY AS PRIZES.



← Sean 2016

Sean 2025



NOW, AS A STAFF MEMBER, SEAN LOVES SEEING THE KIDS EVERY DAY, WATCHING THEM HAVE FUN, AND PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS. HE TAKES PRIDE IN HELPING KIDS TURN THEIR DAYS AROUND WHEN THEY'RE HAVING A TOUGH TIME. SEAN ALSO CHERISHES THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ALONGSIDE STAFF MEMBERS LIKE KENDRA AND RYAN, WHO WERE HERE DURING HIS TIME AS A CLUB MEMBER.

SEAN'S FAVORITE ACTIVITIES TO PLAY WITH THE KIDS INCLUDE SPUD, BASKETBALL, AND WALL BALL. HIS ENTHUSIASM AND DEDICATION MAKE HIM A BELOVED MEMBER OF OUR TEAM, AND WE'RE GRATEFUL TO HAVE HIM WITH US.

KENDRA, OUR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, SAID, "IT'S COOL HAVING CLUB KIDS GROW UP AND COME TO WORK AT THE CLUB. THEY KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THE KIDS. THEY REMEMBER FUN ACTIVITIES AND POSITIVE INTERACTIONS WITH STAFF MEMBERS, AND THEN THEY GET TO BE THAT STAFF MEMBER TO THE CURRENT CLUB KIDS. IT'S LIKE PASSING ON A LEGACY TO THIS GENERATION OF CLUB KIDS."

SEAN, THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU BRING TO THE CLUB AND FOR HELPING BUILD GREAT FUTURES!

IT'S BASKETBALL SEASON!



BASKETBALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY! THIS YEAR, WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE 24 TEAMS REPRESENTING BGCUV, CONTRIBUTING TO A ROBUST LEAGUE OF 78 TEAMS. OUR INAUGURAL BASKETBALL OPENING CEREMONIES WERE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS, DRAWING AN IMPRESSIVE CROWD OF OVER 300 ATTENDEES. IT WAS TRULY INSPIRING TO WITNESS THE COMMUNITY UNITE IN CELEBRATION OF BASKETBALL AND SHOWCASE THEIR TEAM SPIRIT. THE YOUTH AND COACH FREE THROW CONTESTS WERE A HUGE HIT, ADDING AN ELEMENT OF HEALTHY COMPETITION THAT EVERYONE ENJOYED.

WE ARE LAUNCHING OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN – THIS YEAR WE HAVE A GOAL OF \$140,000!

WE ARE HOPING TO FURTHER OUR MISSION AND PROVIDE GREAT FUTURES FOR EVEN MORE YOUTH THIS YEAR! LAST YEAR, WE SERVED 2,496 KIDS THROUGH OUR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, SUMMER CAMPS, AND OUR ATHLETICS PROGRAMS. THAT IS A 26% INCREASE FROM 2023, AND WE HOPE TO SEE THAT NUMBER GROW AGAIN IN 2025.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT BGCUV:

DONATE DIRECTLY – [CLICK HERE!](#)

SPONSOR AN EVENT, SPORTS TEAMS, OR A PROGRAM – REACH OUT TO SARA AT SANDERSON@BGCUV.ORG FOR AVAILABILITY.

LINK YOUR FRED MEYER CARD TO JOIN THEIR COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.

GRAB A BLUE BAG THE NEXT TIME YOU'RE AT THE CLUB TO DONATE YOUR CANS AND BOTTLES!

DONATE USING DONOR ADVISED FUNDS.

LEAVE A LEGACY – CONTACT SARA ABOUT JOINING OUR LEGACY SOCIETY.

EXCITING NEWS! WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL GRANTS IN 2024, INCLUDING FROM THE TACO BELL FOUNDATION, UMPQUA BANK FOUNDATION, THE WHIPPLE FOUNDATION THROUGH OREGON COMMUNITY FUND, AND JUST RECENTLY THE 2025 UMPQUA HEALTH ALLIANCE CHIP GRANT!



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